

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
OF THE
RUTHERFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Thursday, September 15, 2011

- A.** Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, called the regular session of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011, in the Courtroom of the Rutherford County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- B.** Commissioner Doug Shafer led the invocation.
- C.** Commissioner Robert Stevens led the pledge to our flag.
- D.** Twenty-one (21) commissioners of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners were present for the opening of the Legislative Meeting.
- E.** The August 11, 2011, Legislative Meeting Minutes were adopted.
- F.** The Tennessee Fire Academy has recognized the work of the Rutherford County Fire/Rescue for training excellence.
- G.** **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nine citizens rose to speak and each voiced concern over a move to reduce the number of Commissioners from the current 21 members to 14 members. Of the nine speakers, all support keeping the number of commissioners at twenty-one. Also, Donald Todd asked to stop increases in county debt.

H. ELECTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

- 1. The Notary applicants were approved.
- 2. David Adams was named to the Codes Enforcement Adjustments & Appeals Board.
- 3. A vacancy was announced to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 4. Two vacancies and one alternate vacancy to the Beer Board were announced.
- 5. Two General Employee vacancies on the Insurance Committee were announced.
- 6. Joyce Ealy, Robert Peay, Adam Coggin, Teb Batey and Frances Mosby were reaffirmed to the Ethics Committee.
- 7. Chanta Arnold was appointed Judicial Commissioner.
- 8. Commissioner Steve Sandlin was elected Chairman Pro Tem.
- 9. Commissioner Brad Turner was elected Chaplain.
- 10. Mayor Ernest Burgess was confirmed Chairman of the County Commission.

11. The Steering Committee's proposed 2011-2012 Standing Committees were confirmed.

Commission members met by committee to elect chair and vice-chair and select meeting times:

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| -Budget & Finance – | Chair, Joyce Ealy Vice, Will Jordan Thursday prior to Commission Meeting 5:30 PM |
| -Public Safety – | Chair, Gary Farley Vice, Doug Shafer 4 th Monday 5:30 PM |
| -Public Works - | Chair, Joe Frank Jernigan Vice, Jack Black 2 nd Tuesday 6:00 PM |
| -Health & Education – | Chair, Jeff Jordan Vice, Will Jordan 4 th Tuesday 5:30 PM |
| -Property Management – | Chair, Allen McAdoo Vice, Gary Farley 4 th Thursday 5:30 PM |

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None Reported

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:30 P.M.

1. Rezoning and Conditional Use Permit, 11-A003, Michelle Mobbs and John Benbow, was approved with conditions.
2. A Zoning Resolution, Article 13.04, in regard to Storm Shelters, was amended.

K. REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

1. PURCHASING COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. The Purchasing Report was approved.

2. BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- A. A resolution was approved to authorize General Fund Budget Amendments for the following:
 - 1. Circuit Court/Information Technology
 - 2. Pet Adoption & Welfare Services
 - 3. Sheriff's Department/Jail (10)
- B. Amendments to the Ambulance Service Fund Budget were approved.
- C. Authority was provided the Adult Detention Center to institute a fee for items issued to inmates at the time of admission.
- D. Authority was provided to create a procedure for "Over and Under" payments of Property Taxes, Interest and Penalty, and other costs for the Rutherford County Trustee.
- E. The Commission gave Authority to the Industrial Development Board to preliminarily issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for Tottser-Iroquois Industries, LLC.
- F. A resolution to authorize the Issuance of 'Not-to-Exceed' Fifty Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$50,725,000) General Obligation Bonds was approved.

3. HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- A. No Report

4. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- A. A Resolution to honor Dan Mitchell with a Plaque at the Lane Agri-Park Arena was approved.
- B. A Lease Agreement between Ricky Womack and Rutherford County for use of a horse barn was approved.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Authority was granted for the Fire/Rescue Department to submit application for an AFG grant.

6. PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

- A. Drainage Easement requests for Deer Crossing Subdivision were approved.

7. STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

- A. An Archives & Record Management Fee for storage and maintenance of marriage license records in the County Clerk's Office was approved.
- B. A resolution to reflect receipt of the Sheriff's Office Handbook by the Commission was approved.
- C. The Redistricting Committee Report, presented by Committee Chair Steve Sandlin, was approved.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Peay announced the Kittrell VFD Ham breakfast and Kittrell School Reunion will be held Saturday, September 17.

Commissioner Shafer announced the La Vergne 'Old Timers Day' at Veterans Park and La Vergne Rescue Squad 'Pancake' Breakfast is Saturday, September 17.

Commissioner Sandlin was pleased to announce his daughter, Savannah Sandlin, may be the best smoker of hams in Tennessee. Savannah racked up awards and accolades recently as she took 2nd Place at the Wilson County Fair; 1st Prize at the Tennessee State Fair in the 4-H competition; and the Overall Grand Champion Honors at the Tennessee State Fair.

Commissioner Rhonda Allen invited all to "Depot Days" of Smyrna and to a Smyrna Rotary Dinner to honor retiring Smyrna High Principal Bud Raikes. The dinner is at the Smyrna Town Center this Saturday night.

There being no further business, Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, adjourned the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners Legislative Meeting. Time of adjournment was 8:16 pm.

Lisa Duke Crowell, Rutherford County Clerk

Rick Spence, Legislative Secretary

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